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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 10/039,275

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**For: Anode Assembly And
Method Of Reducing
Sludge Formation During
Electroplating**

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 5, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 5, 2004, please enter this response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/9317/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The Pending Claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.